The Delhi Administration have from the time to time issued instruction to avoid delay in the conduct of post-mortem cases. The instructions, *inter-alia*, include: (i) attaching a group of police stations to each hospital; (ii) ensuring that the inquest papers are complete in all respects and are invariably sent along with the dead body for post-mortem; (iii) ensuring that the Police authorities had over the dead body to the relatives immediately after the post mortem is over; (iv) conducting of post mortem on all days of the week including Sundays and holidays; and

(v) redistribution of the post-mortem work done by the All India Institute of Medical Sciences to Safdarjung Hospital from December, 1987.

संभाव्य क्षमताओं का उपयोग करने के लिये प्रौद्योगिकी का पता लगाने के लिये विशेषज्ञ समिति

*348. **सरदार जगजीत सिंह अरोड़ा:** क्या योजना मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि योजना आयोग ने विभिन्न क्षेत्रों में विद्यमान क्षमताओं का उपयोग करने के लिए प्रौद्योगिकी का पता लगाने के लिए एक विशेषज्ञ समिति की नियुक्ति की थी ;

(ख) क्या सरकार को इस समिति का प्रतिवेदन मिल गया है ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो इसका ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(घ) उसमें की गई सिफ़ारिशों पर सरकार द्वारा क्या कार्रवाई की गई है ?

योजना मंत्री तथा कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री (श्री माधव सिंह सोलंकी) : (क) आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना की तैयारी के लिए योजना आयोग द्वारा गठित उद्योगों से संबंधित संचालन दल द्वारा हाई-टेक उद्योगों के प्रौद्योगिकी आदान और संवर्द्धन से संबंधित कार्य दल का गठन किया गया है । यह दल देश के मुख्य उद्योगों जैसे इंजीनियरिंग और इलैक्ट्रोनिक्स, खनन, धातु विज्ञान, उर्वरक, रसायन (पैट्रोकेमिकल्स सहित) और उपभोक्ता उद्योगों में प्रयोग में आने वाली प्रौद्योगिकी के वर्तमान स्तर की समीक्षा प्रौद्योगिकी, प्रौद्योगिकीय सुधारों और नवीनताओं को अपनाने में सुविधा देने के लिए उपलब्ध प्रौद्योगिकीय सेवाओं की उत्कृष्टता की सीमा का आकलन करेगा, तीव्र औद्योगिक संवृद्धि में सहायता के लिए इन्हें बढ़ाने के सुझाव आंतरिक अनुसंधान और विकास संस्थानों और उद्योगों के बीच संबंध की समीक्षा और इनमें सुधार कैसे हो, संबंधी सुझाव देना ताकि प्रौद्योगिकीय नवीनता को बढ़ाने के उद्देश्य को प्राप्त किया जा सके ।

(ख) रिपोर्ट प्रतीक्षित है ।

(ग) और (घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठते ।

Setting up of Godavari and Krishna Development authorities

*349. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to constitute Godavari and Krishna Development authorities, on the same lines as that of the River Ganga; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE AND THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Indian Defence Personnel sent to Maldives

*350. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:
SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indian Defence Personnel sent to Maldives during the first week of November, 1988;

(b) the number of personnel who have been killed there; and

(c) the expenditure incurred by Government on the Indian Defence Personnel in Maldives?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) A total of 2072 Armed Forces personnel were sent to Maldives during the first week of November, 1988.

(b) No Armed Forces personnel was killed during the operations.

(c) The expenditure involved has not been separately computed.

Collaboration in the seed sector

*351. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA:
SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the norms and conditions laid down by the Department of Biotechnology for Indian Companies/Firms for allowing foreign collaborations in the seed sector under the new policy on seed development involving foreign equity participation as well as technical collaboration on royalty payment bais, separately;

(b) whether the Indian Companies/Firms are required to have any other clearance or approval from any other Ministry/Department for such collaborations; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what are the names of the Companies/Firms which have been allowed such collaboration during the last six months?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) The norms and conditions for Indian Companies/Firms for allowing foreign collaboration in the seed sector under the new policy on seed development was laid down by the Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Agriculture and Cooperation and not by the Department of Biotechnology. The new policy was announced on 16.9.1988 by the Ministry of Agriculture. The new policy has not laid down any new norms or conditions for allowing foreign collaboration in the seed sector. However, the policy was announced with a view to encouraging seed production on commercial lines, upgradation of planting materials methodologies to provide best planting materials to the farmers. The new policy on seed development emphasises upon certain quarantine regulations and specifies the categories of organisations who are eligible to import the seeds and planting materials. As an incentive to indigenous production, import duty on seed has been reduced to 15 per cent. Such duty deduction shall be accorded only to seeds meant for sowing and to planting materials. Policy also provides for pre-shipment credit upto 180 days at 9.5 interest per annum and beyond 180 days, the rate of interest is marginally raised. Besides cash compensatory support, income tax rebate and backward areas subsidy are also being considered for seed producing industry.

(b) The approval for foreign collaboration proposal in the Seed Sector is issued by the Department of Industrial Development on the recommendations of the concerned Departments or by the Administrative Ministries under the powers delegated to them.

(c) In the last six months the following Companies have been allowed foreign/technical collaborations:

(i) M/s. Cadgil Seeds India (P) Ltd.

(ii) M/s. PHI Biogene (P) Ltd.

(iii) M/s. ITC Agrotech Ltd.

(iv) M/s. Bejo Sheetal Seeds (P) Ltd.

(v) M/s. Bihar Seeds Corporation.

(vi) M/s. Nath Seeds (P) Ltd.